

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 9-10 and 13-14 have been amended. Claims 8 and 11-12 have been cancelled and claim 21 has been newly added. Claims 1-7, 9-10, 13-21 are currently pending, having withdrawn claims 1-7 and 15-20 from consideration due to a restriction requirement. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the references submitted on the Information Disclosure Statement mailed November 16, 2005 and September 5, 2006.

The Title of the application was objected to for allegedly not being descriptive. In response, Applicants have amended the title.

Claims 10 and 11 were objected to for containing informalities. In response, claims 10 has been amended and claim 11 has been cancelled.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 11 has been cancelled thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 8 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. 6,424,793 to Setogawa *et al.* (“Setogawa”). Claims 12 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Setogawa in view of Applicants’ admitted prior art. Claims 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Setogawa in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,282,320 to Hasegawa *et al.* (“Hasegawa”).

First, claims 8 and 11-12 have been cancelled thereby rendering the rejections moot. Claim 21 has been newly added and claims 9-10 and 13-14 have been amended to depend from claim 21.

Claim 21 is directed to an information storage medium encoded with a data structure and recites aspects including, *inter alia*, a video and a data recording area included within a data area, wherein the video and the data recording area includes ***a program chain command table information having a description area, the description area storing a pre-command, a post-command, a cell command, and a resume command.*** The cited portions of Setogawa, Hasegawa, taken individually or in combination, including the Applicant’s admitted prior art clearly fail to disclose, teach or render obvious at least these aspects as recited in claim 21. Claims 9-10 and 13-14 are allowable *at least* by virtue of their dependence from claim 21, and for the additional aspects they recite.

Therefore, for at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submits that claims 9-10, 13-14 and 21 are patentable.

Having addressed each of the foregoing objection and rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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